

**WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD
FOR KING COUNTY**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2006

King County DDES Conference Site
Renton, Washington

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charles Booth convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

II ROLL CALL

Robert Cook	Robert George
Lynn Guttman (via conference call)	Claudia Hirschey
Roberta Lewandowski	Roger Loschen
Michael Marchand	

III MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING:

Chair Booth presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2006 for review and action by the Board members.

Action: Robert Cook moved and Claudia Hirschey seconded the motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2006. The Board members voted five in favor of approval of this record. Robert George, Lynn Guttman, and Roger Loschen abstained as they did not participate in the meeting.

B. SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING - FILE NO. 2231 (JUNE 14, 2006):

Chair Booth presented the minutes of the Special Meeting/Public Hearing of June 14, 2006 for File No. 2231 for review and action by the Board members.

Action: Roberta Lewandowski moved and Claudia Hirschey seconded the motion to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting/Public Hearing of June 14, 2006 for File No. 2231. The Board members voted unanimously to approve this record.

IV. RESOLUTIONS AND HEARING DECISIONS

A. RESOLUTION & HEARING DECISION - FILE NO. 2231

Chair Booth introduced the City of Renton Preserve Our Plateau Annexation (File No. 2231).

Lenora Blauman stated that the City of Renton submitted a Notice of Intention to annex the Preserve Our Plateau Area (1475 acres). The Board conducted a public hearing for this Notice of Intention on June 14, 2006. At the conclusion of that hearing, the Board voted unanimously to close the record and to proceed to deliberation to consider the proposed Preserve Our Plateau Annexation.

In the event that the Board acts to approve the proposal to annex the Plateau Area, the City of Renton must then proceed to schedule an election to permit the citizens of the Plateau Area, as designated by the decision of the Boundary Review Board, to determine the future local governance for this Area.

In the event that the Boundary Review Board denies the proposed Plateau Area, then the annexation proposal is no longer viable.

Chair Booth invited the Board to begin deliberation and preliminary decision-making for the Preserve Our Plateau Notice of Intention.

Roger Loschen moved and Robert Cook seconded the motion to direct staff to prepare a preliminary Resolution and Hearing Decision for File No. 2231, approving the proposed City of Renton Preserve Our Plateau Annexation (1475 acres).

Board members entered the following statements into the record:

- The proposed Plateau Area (1475 acres) does not constitute the entirety of the East Renton Plateau Annexation Area. However, the proposed area is quite substantial in size and includes the greater portion of this Potential Annexation Area.
- The Plateau Area is a reasonable action that is consistent with state, regional, and local criteria that call for urban areas to annex to local cities for local governance and services. These governing guidelines include, but are not limited to the State Growth Management Act, the King County Comprehensive Plan/Countywide Planning Policies, and the City of Renton Comprehensive Plan.
- The Plateau Area Annexation was designed to respect a substantial grass-roots community planning effort. The Plateau Area is based upon boundaries that reflect both citizen interests and the City's commitment to govern this community.
- The Plateau Area, as proposed, meets the applicable criteria in RCW 36.93.170 and RCW 36.93.180, as follows:
 - The proposed Plateau Area is similar to, and consistent with the City of Renton with respect to demographic features – both in terms of current population and anticipated population growth;
 - The proposed Plateau Area is similar to, and consistent with, the City of Renton with respect to elements of the built environment and natural environment;
 - The Plateau Area is included in the City of Renton Comprehensive Plan for land designation, land use standards, service planning, and service provision;
 - The Plateau Area, as an urban residential community, requires municipal services to protect public health and welfare. The City of Renton is the designated local service provider for this area;
 - The Plateau Area community is linked by geography, economic factors, and social interests, with the citizens of the City of Renton;
 - The proposed Plateau Area, while it does not encompass the entire East Renton Plateau, is based upon reasonable, logical, and practical physical boundaries that will provide for more effective, efficient governance and service provision.
 - The proposed Plateau Area is consistent with provisions supporting the transfer of urban unincorporated lands to local jurisdictions.
- As the Plateau Area Annexation must be finally determined through an election of the citizens, it will be those citizens that make a decision to join the City of Renton or to remain as residents of unincorporated King County.
- In the event that the citizens of the Plateau Area do vote to join the City of Renton, then City officials can begin to govern and provide services to the residents of the basic Plateau Area.

- State, regional, and local standards also call for annexation to Renton of the remaining East Renton Plateau Area. The City of Renton has long-range plans to govern and serve this greater area.

Immediate expansion of the proposed Plateau Area Annexation would be supportable only if the presently proposed Plateau Area could be found to be inconsistent with the statutory mandate and if that inadequacy could be remedied by modification of the Plateau Area boundaries. The proposed Plateau Area is considered to be consistent with RCW 36.93, *et seq.* Thus, it is appropriate to permit citizens of the remaining unincorporated urban area to choose the timing by which they proceed to propose annexation of their properties to the City.

Action: Roger Loschen restated the motion and Robert Cook seconded the motion to direct staff to prepare a preliminary Resolution and Hearing Decision for File No. 2231, approving the proposed City of Renton Preserve Our Plateau Annexation (1475 acres). The preliminary Resolution and Hearing Decision will be presented to the Boundary Review Board for final action on August 10, 2006.

The Board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

V. ADMINISTRATION

A. CHAIR'S REPORT

General Business:

Chair Charles Booth and Lenora Blauman reported that the Board is currently working on several projects including: (1) coordinating programs with King County Executive/Council Work Program; (2) coordinating activities with the State Association to establish Work Program at Interim Legislature 2006 and Legislature 2007; (3) administration of the proposed Boulevard Park Incorporation; (4) pre-development review for future Notices of Intention; and (5) monitoring of the Year 2006 Budget and planning for Year 2007 Budget Proposal. Committee members and staff will report on these activities.

B. Report from the Special Assistant Attorney General

File No. 2168 – City of Redmond – NE Rose Hill Annexation: Robert C. Kaufman, Special Assistant Attorney General, reported that the Supreme Court is continuing to consider this matter. There is no date established for the issuance of a decision by the Court.

File No. 2199 – City of Renton Anthone Annexation: Robert C. Kaufman, Special Assistant Attorney General, reported that this matter is scheduled for argument before King County Superior Court on September 8, 2006.

C. Committee Reports

Budget Committee: Michael Marchand and Lenora Blauman reported that the Boundary Review Board has submitted the Year 2007 Budget Proposal. The Proposal is based upon a plan by the Office of the King County Executive to allocate \$299,680 to the Board.

Budget requirements must be based upon the number and complexity of Notices of Intention likely to come before the Board. Utilizing 2005 and 2006 as models for funding requirements together with the King County Annexation Initiative, and new state laws supporting annexations and incorporations, the Board anticipates that the proposed funding will be sufficient to manage the Boundary Review Board Work Program. If the Board encounters a substantial increase in Notices of Intention, the Board may find it necessary to seek increased basic funding to address administrative requirements (e.g., legal notices, court reporting) and for staffing services.

The base Year 2007 Budget Proposal was reviewed by the Board Budget Committee. The approved document was sent to the King County Office of Management and Budget. The Board's Budget Analyst reports that the document meets all requirements. Technical review will take place over the next several months. A final decision is anticipated in late November 2006.

Copies of the Budget Proposal are available to all Board members.

D. Executive Secretary's Report

North Highline: Citizens of the North Highline Area continue to meet with King County officials, with representatives of Seattle and Burien, and with special purpose district providers to consider option for future governance of their area. Seattle is considering inclusion of North Highline in its Comprehensive Plan Potential Annexation Area. Burien is also considering inclusion of North Highline in its Comprehensive Plan Potential Annexation Area. The future designation for this area likely will be established in the near term.

Report from the State Legislature: Michael Shaw, legislative consultant for the State Association of Boundary Review Boards, reports that the Legislature is scheduling Interim Session meetings for late summer and into the autumn months. At present, agendas do not call for discussion of matters relating to boundary review boards.

It is anticipated that these agendas will be further developed – and priorities established – following elections and assignment of legislators to the committees.

Mr. Shaw is planning to meet with Dave Williams of the Association of Washington Cities, and other regional officials, to confirm their interests in legislative proposals that would affect boundary review boards.

Mr. Shaw will provide periodic reports to the Association.

King County has begun to formulate an Agenda for Legislature 2007. This Program is not yet available for review by the Boundary Review Board. Staff will continue to work with County officials to determine the content of the Agenda.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

General correspondence was reviewed briefly. No questions or issues were raised with respect to the substance of the general correspondence.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW FILES

File No. 2235 – Woodinville Water District: Goldberg Annexation:

Mrs. Blauman reported that the Woodinville Water District proposes to annex seven acres of land within the Unincorporated King County. The District initially reported that the Goldberg property was designated as Urban Area; however, the land is, in fact, Rural Area. Corrections are being provided to the Notice of Intention for the record. The Notice has been analyzed by County staff and by Boundary Review Board staff on the basis of the revised definition of the property as Rural Area.

Based upon the revised documents, the review finds that the District initiated this annexation proposal based on a petition by property owners. The purpose of the annexation is to permit water service to existing and future permitted residential development. The Annexation Area is included within the District's Comprehensive Plan.

Water service to the Rural Area would be consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan and with the State Growth Management Act. Therefore this proposed action is permitted under RCW 57.24 (Special Purpose District Annexations) and RCW 36.93.

Board members presented no substantive questions or comments with respect to this proposed annexation.

B. PENDING FILES

Auburn	Bellevue	Bothell
Covington Water District	Federal Way	Issaquah
Kirkland	Redmond	Renton (13 files)
Ronald Sewer District	Sammamish	Soos Creek District
SW Suburban Sewer District	Tukwila	Woodinville

C. ORIENTATION WORKSHOP – REVIEW OF PUBLIC HEARING PROTOCOLS

The Boundary Review Board, in accord with statutory mandate, endeavors to conduct public meetings and public hearings which are comprehensive in content, orderly in format, and which encourage inclusive participation by the stakeholders.

To this end, the Board members entered into a discussion with respect to effective systems for ordering hearings, providing information, fact-finding (e.g., taking testimony, responding to testimony), and conducting of deliberations/decision-making for Notices of Intention.

Government officials and stakeholders must be provided with a neutral forum for hearings, in which there is full opportunity to comment to the Board and to experience a transparent review process on the part of the members of the Boundary Review Board. Attention to standards will also serve to ensure that the Board is acting in keeping with its statutory mandate.

In an effort to ensure that the Board's processes are in keeping with the statutory mandates, Robert Kaufman and Lenora Blauman will prepare a summary of rules of order for public hearings.

Further, while the processes and decisions made by the Boundary Review Board may not be in keeping with the wishes of the community, careful attention to standards (e.g., Roberts Rules of Order, RCW 36.93., RCW 36.70A) for making of motions, for discussion, and for decision-making can be supported as an equitable service to the community.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Robert George moved and Roberta Lewandowski seconded a motion to adjourn the Boundary Review Board Regular Meeting. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.